

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment a new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is submitted herein.

Further, claims 3-5 are amended by the present response to no longer recite any multiple dependencies. Further, subject matter of the canceled multiple dependencies is now set forth in new dependent claims 6-12. Claim 1 is also amended to make a minor grammatical change.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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